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Dear Hack,

On arriving home one of the first things to come to my attention was your cable evaluating our recent visit. These are kind words and much appreciated. My only hope is that time will bear out your expectations.

I want to thank you for a number of things, including the fact that you are responsible for my getting to Japan, for the ride in your airplane (and I regret I could not have taken you up on your offer to show me the countryside on the following day), your cordial reception at the base, and, needless to say, the opportunity to visit your ship's store. On this last point may I add that all of my consumers were thrilled with the purchases I made; my only problem now is to pay for them.

Please convey as appropriate to the members of your team that I am much impressed by the ship-shape appearance of your place and cannot help but believe it must make for greater assurance of safety and speedy deployment. I was pleased to meet your men and trust that they got some morale boost from seeing the material.

The following morning [] wanted to discuss some of [] comments, and I finally got away at 11 in time to pick up my ticket at the airline, take some pictures, and get out to my flight. My suspicion that I could not accomplish these things if I stayed with you the following day was confirmed. I hope an opportunity will arise again where I can make the trip you proposed.

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Best of luck, and we will try to get you some business.